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| Art Unit | 3763 |
| Examiner Name | Tranh, Loan H. |
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- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
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- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1810.00 enclosed (RCE filing fee of \$790.00 plus three-month extension fee of \$1020.00)
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2006, for three months, from April 11, 2006, to July 11, 2006.

Enclosed is a check that includes the fee of \$1,020.00 for a three-month extension. Please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1775.

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